

***Order of Worship***  
**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 16, 2020 10:00am**  
*\*\*\* indicates to stand if able*

**MORNING MEDITATION**

Be strong and be of good courage; do not be afraid or dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you; wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

**PRELUDE**

**Stephen Monska**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**\*\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Dot Lambert**

*Leader:* O Lord, we are wondrously made, fashioned with care in the womb.

**People: We are eternally linked to a holy source of life; which is the Spirit of God's love and affection.**

*Leader:* God calls us by name to live our lives; to find purpose and to share God's love with all those around us.

**People: We are sent from God to build, to cooperate, to find ways to live together, and to use our gifts that God has given to us.**

*Leader:* O Lord, instill in us a sense of understanding and balance; so that we can be the best we can be while loving, sharing and caring for one another.

**OPENING HYMN: 'The Church's One Foundation'**

**UMH # 545**

**INVOCATION**

**Dot Lambert**

*Leader:* O Lord, come into our presence this morning. Clear our minds, O heavenly God. Open us to listen to your Word, help us to fall deep into prayer and feel God's presence around us.

**People: O Lord, take me just as I am. For all my conflicts, fear and doubts; for all my worry and my misguided mistakes, love me and make me whole.**

*Leader:* O God, let me serve you and find purpose in my life; so that I will receive the sure feeling of joy and contentment that faith in Christ provides.

**People: O Lord, fill us with your wisdom. Free us to love unconditionally.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

*Leader:* O precious and loving God, grant us an open and honest heart; not shaded by prejudice or apathy. Let us rely upon faith and our God in Christ to let go of our sins, resentments and fears.

**People: O Lord, take me as I am, despite all my shortcomings. Help me to resist the pressure to measuring up to others.. Give me the grace to value the gifts that you have given me. O God, forgive me for all the times I did not say what needed to be said. Grant us your salvation and peace. Come to us, help us, love us, and fill us with gratitude for the gift of Jesus Christ in our lives.**

**PRAYER OF ASSURANCE**

It is through foolishness that God makes us wise; it is through weakness that God strengthens us to serve; it is through forgiveness that God makes us whole. We cannot boast in what we have done, but only in the grace and joy of our God, who showers us with mercy. Amen

**People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen**

**\*\*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PSALTER READING: Psalm 119**

**Dot Lambert**

(Red Hymnal pgs. 841-842 vs. 1-48)

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

Pastoral Prayers, Silent Prayer, Lord's Prayer

**\*\*\*Response: 'Glory Be to the Father'**

**SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

**Dot Lambert**

(Chair Bible, Old Testament pg. 186)

**\*\*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: 'Just as I Am, Without One Plea'**

**UMH # 357**

**SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

(Chair Bible, New Testament pgs. 236-237)

**SERMON: 'Speaking from Witness'**

**Rev. David F. Hurst**

**THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION**

**UMH pgs. 15-16**

We celebrate an open Communion Table – All are welcome at the Lord's Table

**MINISTRY OF GIVING**

**\*\*\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts; Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*\*\*PARTING HYMN: 'God Hath Spoken by the Prophets'**

**UMH # 108**

**BENEDICTION:**

*Leader:* May God's Holy Spirit lead you forth with joy and confidence.

**People: We are always in God's presence! So let us extend that love to those around us!**

**AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

Altar Flowers this morning are to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day, given by Peggy Ensor.

Attendance for Sunday, February 9th: Adults 31 Young Adults 1

We welcome Stephen Monska to our worship this morning as substitute organist.

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16TH**

Sunday, February 16th - Morning Worship / Communion	10:00am
Monday, February 17th - Cot Shelter / Rochelle	
Monday, February 17th - Office Open	10:00am- 1:00pm
Wednesday, February 19th - Office Open	8:30am - 1:00am

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23RD**

Sunday, February 23rd - Morning Worship	10:00am
Sunday, February 23rd - Live Nativity Meeting (see below)	11:15am
Monday, February 24th - Office Open	10:00am - 1:00pm
Wednesday, February 26th - Ash Wednesday	
Wednesday, February 26th - Office Open	8:30am - 1:00pm
Thursday, February 27th - Finance/Trustee Meeting	6:30pm

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD - LIVE NATIVITY MEETING (11:15am)**

We will meet in the back Sunday School Room following Worship. Grab yourself a snack and coffee and come on down to let Pam and Peggy know your thoughts on making this year's presentation more inviting for everyone and let's set a date!

**BUSTAMANTE FAMILY**

For the Bustamante family we have an ongoing collection. They receive from us, (the church family), a monthly gift card to Stop and Shop and every two months a check for financial purposes. So, please continue to give when you can. Envelopes will always be available on the usher's table in the back of the sanctuary. Just drop it in the offering plate when it passes by you. Thanks You!

**FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 4th - Mutual Ministry Meeting 10am  
March 17th - Newsletter Deadline

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**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

***"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"***

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH  
WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION**



**Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor**  
Organist, Stephen Monska

*"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill God's will for the transformation of the world through spiritual growth, education, worship and fellowship. We express our faith through others."*

*We welcome you to join us in this our journey.*